

**MINUTES**  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012  
TRAINING ROOM  
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B  
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA  
7:15 P.M.

**1. SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hoffman welcomed new Human Relations Commissioner, Dharminder Dewan.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Hoffman, Vice Chair Smith, Commissioners Campbell, Dewan, La, Leung, Walsh, and Watanuki

**Absent:** Commissioner Vuppala

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the October 17, 2011 and November 21, 2011 meeting.**

Deferred until next month.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- 6.1 Email from Joshua Barousse, Commissioner of the City of San Jose Human Rights Commission regarding HRC's process for recognizing community residents.

Chair Hoffman responded to Joshua Barousse and explained to him that the Commission was in the process of creating this process and would get back to him as soon as the HRC has finished.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Walsh informed the HRC and staff that on Sunday, March 4 there will be a retreat honoring International Women's Day. It will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Sisters of the Holy Family Auditorium.

Chair Hoffman informed the HRC and staff that Temple Beth Torah will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Tickets are \$125.00.

Chair Hoffman informed the HRC and staff that she met with Julie Kurtz, Executive Director of Fremont/Newark YMCA. Julie Kurtz will assist Chair Hoffman in setting up a meeting with Jim Morris, Superintendent of Fremont Unified School District.

8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)

8.1 None

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 Joint City Council – Human Relations Commission Conversation

Arquimides Caldera reviewed the agenda and logistics for the meeting with Commissioners.

9.2 FBI Internet Safety Presentations

Commissioners attending event: Watanuki, Dewan and Vice Chair Smith.

9.3 HRC Work Plan

Deferred item to February Commission Meeting.

9.4 Human Relations Award Discussion

Deferred item to February Commission Meeting.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).

10.1 Election of 2012 HRC Chairperson and Vice-Chair

*A motion was made by Commissioner Watanuki and seconded by Commissioner Walsh to Re-elect Chair Hoffman and Vice-Chair Smith, as nominated, for a one year term beginning January 1, 2012. The motion was approved and so ordered.*

10.2 Bay Area Community Services – Fremont Services

Bay Area Community Services Wellness Director, Benjamin Blake, explained to the HRC the new service model for adults with mental illness, discussed the impetus for the change in model; and issues that have arisen this year with the program.

### 10.3 City of Fremont Social Service Grant Site Visits

Leticia Leyva spoke to the Commission regarding the upcoming Social Service Grant site visits and answered questions. The Commissioners signed up for the following mid-year reviews:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
4C's of Alameda County CDBG Microenterprise	Dharminder Dewan
Afghan Coalition	Ripple Leung
BACS-South County CLC	Beth Hoffman
EBAC- Child Assault Prevention	Debbie Watanuki
EBAC – Healthy Start	Ripple Leung
Kidango	Dharminde Dewar
Tri City Free Breakfast	Sister Patricia Walsh
Tri City Health Center – HIV/AIDS	Desrie Campbell Sister Patricia Walsh
Abode Services	Phong La
Bay area Women Against Rape	Desrie Campbell

### 10.4 Potential Screening of “Vincent Who?”

Commissioner La reported that it will cost \$3,000 to have a screening of the movie “Vincent Who?” in Fremont. He will be viewing the movie in February and will report back to the Commission. Washington Hospital agreed to show the movie in the Conrad Anderson Conference room. A tentative date of May 2012 was set. Commissioner La also reported that APAPA (Asian Pacific Americans for Public Affairs) has offered to donate \$1,000 towards the cost of showing the movie.

### 10.5 Opportunities for Collaboration with the Alameda County Human Relations Commission

Chair Hoffman reported on her meeting with Norm Budman, Alameda County Human Relations Commissioner, and discussed the possibility of the HRC working with the County Commission on human relations issues. Staff suggested the screening of the “Vincent Who?” film would potentially be of interest on a county-wide basis and a good vehicle for a joint project. Other topics for discussion at the joint meeting could include MADD and the Human Relations Commission yearly conference.

10.6 Exploration of web donations via the City's website

The HRC expressed interested in having an online portal for donors to give to the City departments and programs, much like the one City of San Francisco recently launched - Give2SF.org (<http://give2sf.org>). Chair Hoffman requested the staff provide an update on the possibility of the City of Fremont having similar functionality on its website. Arquimides Caldera informed the HRC that this possibility is currently being explored by city staff.

10.7 2012 SF Pride Parade

Deferred item to February HRC Meeting.

**11. COMMISSION REFERRALS**

11.1 None

**12. STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)**

12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee

Commissioner Walsh updated the Commissioners.

12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee

Commissioner Watanuki had no new updates to report.

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

Commissioner Leung updated the Commissioners on the progress of the HRC Award. A request was also made to email the HRC work plan to all commissioners and have them add items that they would like to consider for the upcoming year.

12.4 Advocacy Committee

No report

12.5 "Make a Difference Day" Committee

Deferred Item until March 2012 meeting.

12.6 Other Commission Updates

**13. STAFF REPORTS**

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

- 14. REFERRALS TO STAFF** (this is for items referred by an individual Commissioner. A Commission vote in favor of an item here means it will be placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Watanuki and seconded by Commissioner La to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and so ordered.*